

## CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR

JUDGE J. L. FORT OF DEXTER MAKES A STATEMENT.

Judge J. L. Fort of Dexter, Mo., in Answering for Governor Makes the Following Statement

"I am a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor, and I am in favor of the nomination of no man in the State who will support the liquor traffic. I mean that I favor the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes, and that I will support such a proposition when it is submitted.

"All political issues are moral issues and all moral issues must be settled by the people, and that is exactly what I am in favor of, and exactly what I stand for. The whiskey traffic is not too big a question to settle by the people, for they know how to settle it, and will settle it right when they get a chance, and they must have a chance. That is the issue.

"The saloon has always been a blot on the face of our State, and the time has come when the people should use their ballot to better their business. The time has come when a man cannot be read out of the Democratic party or the Republican party, or any party that regards the welfare of the home and family, simply because he believes in the prohibition of the liquor traffic.

"The mere fact that I believe in the prohibition of the liquor traffic, no more makes me a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor, than a belief in the open saloon for the other candidates for the Democratic nomination for Governor makes them drop out of the race. The party leaders of all political parties should look upon this question squarely and honestly and help settle it with an eye single to the public good only.

"If the saloon is a good thing, why not say it is a good thing in the platform? If the saloon is a bad thing, why not say it is a bad thing in the platform? If you are in favor of the saloon and any candidate tells you that the saloon is a good thing, request him to point his finger to the plank in the platform in which he says it is a bad thing. If you are against the saloon, and any candidate tells you that the saloon is a bad thing, request him to point his finger to the plank in the platform in which he says it is a good thing. If you are against the saloon, and any candidate tells you that the saloon is a bad thing, request him to point his finger to the plank in the platform in which he says it is a good thing.

"The candidate who wants to do what is right will not refuse to let the people know where he stands on all moral and political issues, and if the candidate refuses to take the people into his confidence on this question, the people should refuse to take him into their confidence by voting for him.

**Burglars in Real Estate**  
I have some fine bargains in city property. Four splendid places of city property to trade for a farm. Firm offers lots for sale on easy terms. Will write free and furnish insurance. It will pay you to see me.

J. H. LANE,  
Real Estate Dealer, Office at J. C. King's Market, Mexico, Mo. dl-454

## FOLK TO START HIS SENATORIAL CAMPAIGN

Speech at Chillicothe or St. Joe Will be His formal Challenge to Senator Stone.

As to whether or not Gov. Jos. W. Folk would be a candidate for the United States senate against Senator Stone, has been settled to Gov. Folk himself who has declared that he would make the race and will deliver the opening speech of his campaign early in February either at St. Joe or at Chillicothe. Following this speech the Governor will make a rapid fire campaign of the state continuing up until the day of the election in November.

"His friends are confident that the Governor will make a strong and successful fight. The campaign is certain to be one of lively interest and may result in a race that will live in the political life of the state as one of the greatest it has ever seen.

Senator Stone is an able and resourceful man and so is the Governor. Both have a very strong following and the contest between them is going to be watched with no small degree of interest.

But the campaign has gone very far it is probable that all of the other contests will be lost in the dust of the senatorial fight. It will be the first real fight that Missouri has witnessed for the senate in many years, and the running will be out in the open where its spectacular features can be seen. As the polls in November the chances are ten to one that every Democrat in the state will vote on account of the intense interest that will center in the senatorial race. —Moberly Monitor.

## A New Venture

Misses T. W. Syron and E. Morgan, distant relatives to J. P. Morgan, have secured an option on a farm, located about two miles from Mexico, and are making preparations to start, in the poultry business on a large scale, in the expected they will make good, as they are considered competent preparations are being made to entertain all visitors, and all are cordially invited.

## Preaching at Rising Sun January 26

There will be services at Rising Sun church, north of this city, the fourth Sunday in this month, with preaching by Rev. G. B. Beavis. The services will be held at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. All the members are requested to be present Saturday evening, January 25, at the church at seven o'clock for the purpose of organizing a teachers' training class. —45-2

Mrs. Chas. Wilson and daughter, of St. Louis, returned home Monday after a visit with Miss Alice Woodward on South Jefferson st.

Rev. W. C. Russell was here from Laddonia, Monday.

## Attention, Subscribers.

The Mexico weekly LEDGER is one dollar a year in advance. Examine the date after your name on the margin or the wrapper of your LEDGER immediately, and govern yourself accordingly. We are anxious to hold all of our old subscribers and to materially increase the number of LEDGER readers and for that reason make the price, including postage, \$1.00 per year in advance. We don't want Uncle Sam to deny the LEDGER the use of the mails and depend on our subscribers to stand by us in this matter. We trust you will pay all arrearages and one year in advance at once. Most of our patrons are expressing pleasure at the new ruling of the government.

R. M. WHITE,  
Ed. and Prop. Mexico daily and weekly LEDGER.

## \$5,000 Damages for Miss Torreyson

The suit of Miss Maggie Torreyson against the United Railway Co., of St. Louis was tried in the circuit court at St. Louis last week and resulted for \$5,000 damages was given plaintiff.

In July, 1906, while alighting from a street car in St. Louis, Miss Maggie sustained injuries that have rendered her limbs from the hips down useless, so far as walking is concerned.

For about 3 months she was in a hospital in St. Louis, and since that time she has been a nervous wreck, not being able to get about the house only by the use of an invalid's chair. She sued the railroad company for \$5,000. Her lawyers P. H. Cullen of Mexico and L. P. Ogilvie of St. Louis made a strong fight for her, but the jury decided that \$5,000 was enough. She should have had every cent sold.

A. C. Whitson it home from Vandallia where he installed the officers of the L. O. O. F. Lodge.

Joe Butler and wife are visiting relatives in Gilliam, Mo.

## INDICTED FOR FRAUD.

Sears, Roebuck & Co., of Chicago, Indicted by Federal Grand Jury in Iowa—Misrepresentation of Goods Charged.

We desire to congratulate the retail merchants and the general public on the fact that Sears, Roebuck & Co. were indicted by the Federal Grand Jury in Iowa the past December. Sears, Roebuck & Co. is an institution that like an octopus—has been reaching out to strangle the very life of every retail dealer in the country.

But at last the tide is turning. "The man of the hour" is in evidence. Mr. W. J. Pilkington, editor of the Merchants' Trade Journal, Des Moines, Ia., on his own responsibility, has stepped to the front line of the battle, realizing that the mail order houses were not sending out goods that were up to the standard as set forth in their catalogues, and in so doing was defrauding the public and crippling the honest home dealer, he set about to evolve a plan that would stop such fraud.

The plan decided upon was that of first securing the best legal talent obtainable. Second, that of procuring the evidence necessary to convict. But this meant an outlay of hundreds and hundreds of dollars. But what of it? It is the only way, and to resolve this Mr. Pilkington went to St. Joe, Mo. and began the campaign—began to draw upon his own personal bank account. Some selected to begin upon were Sears, Roebuck & Co. Company. Able counsel retained at a cost of many hundred dollars directed every move. Goods were obtained from this firm and the shiest analysis put to work to ascertain their component parts and of which meant yet many more hundreds of dollars. In every case the analysis showed every article far below the standard grade advertised or guaranteed. And when at the end of some eighteen months of unceasing effort the attorneys told Mr. Pilkington that they had all of the necessary evidence, he laid the evidence before the Federal grand jury and they found a bill of indictment and cited Sears, Roebuck & Co. to trial. It is certainly a great achievement on the part of the editor of the Merchants' Trade Journal. Ever retailer in this country, of whatever line, should take off his hat to him. Not only that, but they should give him moral support to at least the extent of a subscription. Not a penny has he asked of any to help him in his fight. And he is not yet done. He is in the fight to a finish, not only with Sears, Roebuck & Co., but every institution of a similar kind. —Moberly Monitor.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Corner are visiting relatives in Laddonia this week.

Mrs. Logan Robinson is in Laddonia visiting her sister, Mrs. Greer, who is ill.

Land Sale.  
I will sell to the highest bidder on Thursday, February 20th, 1908, at 2 o'clock p. m. at the east door of the Court House in Mexico, Mo., all the land belonging to the J. V. Fletcher estate, 31 miles southwest of Mexico, containing 10 acres, more or less. Terms: \$500 down, balance in 60 days. S. P. EMMONS,  
dt-26 wdt Executor.

W. H. Ritchie and daughter are visiting in Sturgeon.

Harold Becker was in Mexico Thursday.

Otha Hudson was up from Curryville Thursday.

James Richart, formerly of Audrain county, and a candidate for circuit clerk, a few years ago, died of heart disease in Florida, Mo., this week.

What reason can any citizen who has the best interest of Mexico at heart, have for not belonging to the Mexico Business Men's Association? Stop your knocking and go to boosting.

Mrs. C. P. Clark is the guest of relatives in St. Louis.

Mrs. Sadie Wright is visiting Centralia.

Mrs. Rubie Woods is home from a visit to friends and relatives in St. Louis.

## MEXICO BUSINESS COLLEGE.

Our second term opened Monday with a good enrollment. New classes will be arranged. What would this great commercial world do without Stenographers, Book-Keepers, Penmen and Type-writers? There is an increasing demand for young men and women who have a thorough knowledge of any of the Commercial branches. If you were now in attendance at this school you would be that much nearer to self reliance. For information call or write

F. R. BURDEN, President.

## HIG BANQUET.

Hotel Clarkson Wednesday Night For Business Men's Association.

Hon. C. F. Clark tendered the Business Men's Association a banquet at 8:30 p. m. Wednesday, January 22, at Hotel Clarkson. After everybody had eaten as much as possible the following programme was the order of the evening:

## PROGRAMME.

Treasurer, Mayor E. D. Graham. Mexico Reminiscences, James Newton Baskett.

Mexico, Her Resources and Her Future, George Robertson.

Educational Institutions and Outlook, J. W. Millon.

The Mexico Press, E. M. White.

The Mexico Bar, W. W. Fry.

Mexico Spirit, J. F. Llewellyn.

The Purposes and Possibilities of the Mexico Business Men's Association, F. H. Cullen.

Our Club, R. M. Worrell.

Responses, C. P. Clark.

Short talks by visiting guests.

## Different Kinds of People.

A few days ago the Times sent out four bills to people who had been trusted for years. One man had been in and thanked the editor—paid the bill and both were made happy. Another came in and said he was ashamed but he would pay his debt in a few days. One was an old lady and she said what she could and still wanted the paper and on this Thanksgiving day will have her bill wiped out and a year in advance marked to her credit. The last was a man who makes big pretensions to right living. He checked the paper back in the office and had the postmaster mark "Refused" on it. Had he come to us like a man and made fair statement we would have at least considered him honest. Don't do such a thing with a paper. If you take it and read it, pay for it. You are reminded fifty-two times each year that you should either pay for it or not take it. —B. G. Times.

## Cordner-Meyer.

Miss Virginia Meyer and Mr. Fred Cordner were married at the Methodist church here by Rev. C. M. Aker, Wednesday evening.

Mr. Cordner is an old Mexico boy, now residing in Callaway County, while Mrs. Meyer is one of the kindred young girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Cordner will reside on Mr. Cordner farm in Callaway County.

The Ledger extends congratulations.

## Look Out for Your Dogs.

As dogs have been among our sheep we have placed posters all over the John Hill pasture, which we have rented. Look out for your dogs. dl-w Jones & Rice.

## Miss Eleanor Dingle Dead.

Miss Eleanor Dingle, aged about twenty years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dingle, formerly of this county, died in Woodland, California, Thursday, January 16. Miss Dingle was a lovely girl. Her mother is a sister of Mrs. C. W. Lewis of this city.

The Ledger joins other friends in extending sincere sympathy to the bereaved.

## Hopkins & Edmunds, Real Estate & Insurance, Mexico, Mo.

It is stated as a matter of fact that Commodore Schley overboarded Admiral Sampson tell Chief Constructor (Hobson) at the time of his departure upon his awful mission of sinking the Merrimack, to tell the Spanish merchants when he saw them that the firm of Hopkins & Edmunds, of Mexico, Missouri, conducted the only truly reliable Real Estate and Insurance Agency in the city, and any business entrusted to them would receive prompt and efficient attention. See their bargains in city and farm property. Don't forget to get their rates on insurance. 35-45-45 HOPKINS & EDMUNDS.

## A Famous Cow.

A retort of the Holstein cow, Netherland Johnson Dead 23 (1907), owned by C. A. Schneider of West Bend, Wis., was conducted by the University of Wisconsin agricultural experiment station, Roy T. Harris, assistant in dairy tests, being detailed for the work. This cow, which is five years old, produces nearly 23 pounds of butter fat in seven consecutive days and on the day of the test she produced 3,609 pounds. In the semi-official report, the produced 7,663 pounds of milk and 599,458 pounds of butter fat, with an average fat content of 3.34 per cent. It is the production of such cows as this that is making the state famous as a dairy and live stock section.

Mrs. James T. Fields spent Sunday with Mrs. Wm. Smith, at McCredie.

One question about Missouri! So that many towns are not where it would seem they ought to be. Cassville is not in Cass, but in Barry county, while Barry is in Barry county, in Holt county instead of Oregon; Clinton is not in Clinton county, but in Henry; other Rates City not in Bates; Rader is not in Bates; Ray is not in Camden; DeKalb is in Buchanan; Bonerville is not in Boone, but in Cooper; Glasgow is not in Scotland; Warrensburg is not in Warren, but in Johnson;

Harrisonville is not in Harrison; Marionville is not in Marion; Jefferson City is in Cole instead of Jefferson; Ozark is not in Ozark, nor are the towns of Dent, Holt, Jackson, Leslie, Lincoln, Madison, Miller, Nevada, Perry in the counties which bear those names.

## Three Cows Have Six Calves.

Our Red Bull was two years old last July. We have three cows that calved, each having twin heifers and not a white spot on one of them. The cows are Short-horns and there is not a sign of a horn on the calves so I think that is as good as any breed can do in doing well. They are all living and doing well, and large for twins. If any one can beat this I would like to hear from him.

C. E. Colburn,  
Otawa, Co., Mich.

## Mrs. C. A. Mildred Makes \$254.

Mrs. C. A. Mildred, who lives on route four out of Mexico, during 1907 sold produce as follows:

Eggs.....\$300.00

Chickens.....22.00

Turkeys.....7.15

Butter.....18.00

Lard.....9.00

Total.....\$356.15

Geo. Hall is very ill.

## ITCHING HUMOR ON LITTLE BOY

His Hands were a Solid Mass, and Disease Spread All Over His Body —In Four Days the Child was Entirely Cured—Mother Strongly

## RECOMMENDS CUTICURA SOAP AND OINTMENT

"One day we noticed that our little boy was scratching himself with his hands. His hands were red, swollen, and we did not think anything serious would result. But the next day we saw that the disease had spread all over his body, and his hands were nothing but a solid mass of itching disease. We went to the drug store and purchased a box of Cuticura Soap and a box of Cuticura Ointment. The next night I stripped my little boy and took the Cuticura Soap and ointment water and washed him well. I then rubbed him with a soft bath towel, and took the Cuticura Ointment and rubbed it all over his body. He did not sleep a wink that evening before I put him to bed and in three or four nights he was entirely cured. You have my permission to publish this because anybody who suffers from itching disease should know of the Cuticura Remedies. I will surely and gladly recommend them to all suffering with skin diseases. Mrs. Frank Davidson, 201 Broadway St., Kokomo, Ind., Sept. 16, 1907."

## PIMPLES

## And Blackheads Prevented and Cured by Cuticura.

Gently smear the face with Cuticura Ointment, the great Skin Cure, but do not rub. Wash the face with Cuticura Soap and hot water and continue to bathe the face morning and evening. After other times use Cuticura Soap and hot water, washing the face as often as agreeable.

Complete External and Internal Treatment for Every Skin Disease. Cuticura Ointment is sold in 10-cent and 25-cent boxes. Cuticura Soap is sold in 10-cent and 25-cent boxes. Cuticura Pills are sold in 10-cent and 25-cent boxes. Cuticura is sold everywhere.

## PRODUCE SALE

## Callaway Farmers' Wife Makes a Fine Showing.

Mrs. L. C. Chestnut, residing about 11-1/2 miles south of Polton, a new reader of the "Local Option" and whose knowledge relative to chicken raising is second to none, sends the Ledger her gross receipts from the sales of her chickens and eggs for the year 1907.

The aggregate sales foot up near the \$500 mark. The monthly statements given below in reference to the sale of eggs will be found quite interesting as well as encouraging to poultry raisers.

Eggs sales for January, 1908, 100 dozen, \$10.00; February, 100 dozen, \$10.00; March, 100 dozen, \$10.00; April, 100 dozen, \$10.00; May, 100 dozen, \$10.00; June, 100 dozen, \$10.00; July, 100 dozen, \$10.00; August, 100 dozen, \$10.00; September, 100 dozen, \$10.00; October, 100 dozen, \$10.00; November, 100 dozen, \$10.00; December, 100 dozen, \$10.00. Total number of dozen sold during the year was 1,200 dozen, which brought \$12.00.

Mrs. Chestnut also sold chickens to the amount of \$62.18, making a grand total of \$49.18.—Polton Telegraph.

## Local Opti's Already Having Effect.

A well known citizen of this city told the reporter yesterday that already one of Kirkville droghit had ready the liquor business and intended to abide by the local option law, and said that he understood another one was preparing to do the same. Is the local option law a good thing, and will it have any effect? See the paper, please. We believe the Kirkville droghit if they sell liquor illegally, will see that it is having an effect. The prosecuting attorney, as well as the city attorney, have stated that they intend to see that the law is enforced, and if any droghit gets caught in the net, it is his look-out. Local option may not absolutely prohibit in Kirkville, but it will greatly decrease the sale of intoxicating liquor, and if it does that much good has been accomplished. Watch the results.

## JAPAN'S NAVY.

## Pointed Query as to Where the Fleet Is.

Tokio, January 14.—A dispatch from the United States Government has been received at the foreign office pointing out that there is uneasiness there concerning the reports emanating from Europe concerning the distribution of the Japanese naval fleet.

The foreign office declares all governments are in possession of all facts relative to the distribution of Japan's warships. But it is a matter of marine strategy he is willing to make a complete statement concerning the matter.

## Miss Carrie Baldwin is ill.

John Brooks and bride have gone to Fortville, Montana, to reside. The bride joins a host of friends in wishing them much prosperity in their new home.

## DO YOU GET UP WITH A LAME BACK?

## Kidney Trouble Makes You Miserable.

Almost everybody who reads the newspapers is sure to know of the wonderful cures made by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. The great kidney, liver and bladder remedy, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, has cured thousands of cases of kidney trouble, bladder trouble, and other ailments. It is a wonderful remedy for all ailments of the urinary system. It is a wonderful remedy for all ailments of the urinary system. It is a wonderful remedy for all ailments of the urinary system.

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## 30, 20 and 10 Years Ago This Week.

THIRTY YEARS AGO THIS WEEK.

The Ledger was printed blue ink in keeping with the blue ribbon movement which was being agitated in Mexico.

Dr. H. Hershberg, an optician, had his office at the Martin House.

The funeral of Samuel Shyrock, who died in Sturgeon, was conducted at the Presbyterian church in this city by Rev. R. T. Lacy.

Capt. Hickerson was appointed night watch in place of John Carter, resigned.

The grocery store of Barnes and Winegard was entered by burglars. Two dollars in cash, and 100 pounds of sugar, box of crackers, cheese and cigars and tobacco were taken.

The Bots Literary Society and the Prairie View Society were in a debating contest.

THE FOLLOWING WERE MEMBERS OF THE MISSOURI TRADING ASSOCIATION: C. F. Clark, W. R. Carter, J. A. Potts, Green Clay, H. M. White, R. E. Riley, J. N. Loomis, E. W. White, Joe W. Henderson, Wm. Pollock, Wood Medd, E. R. Cunningham, A. M. Harrison, J. R. Baker, J. C. Hinson, and S. E. Kendall.

Miss Ida Johnson, of Centralia, and John W. Bagges, of Audrain county, were married.

Wm. Chambers died suddenly at Benton City. The funeral took place from the Catholic church in this city.

Orlindene Powell, formerly of this city, died in Moberly.

Chas. Hordien died at his home here. He was 75 years old.

David Creigh died at his home near Santa Fe.

Mrs. Wm. Kombrink was dangerously ill from the effects of a splinter run into the thick part of her thumb.

A farmer living southwest of Mexico, sold P. W. Harding, the grocer, eleven turkeys which were stuffed with almonds, joints of legs, bones, heads, etc., in order that the turkeys might weigh heavy.

Mrs. Jeff Cunningham, of Martinsburg, was ill.

Miss Jennie Seale conducted a music class at Martinsburg.

Dr. John Polak, of the western part of the county, was injured by his horse falling on him.